

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday March 10th, 2024

News from the IRTS

A final reminder that the IRTS Awards Committee is seeking nominations for “Awards for Services to the Society or to Amateur Radio”, “Awards to IRTS members for Other Achievements” and also nominations for awards for construction. Details of these awards are available at www.irts.ie under the awards section. Nominations should reach the awards manager, Jim Holohan EI4HH before the deadline of Friday next, March 15th.

As part of the IRTS AGM Weekend which will take place in Ballinasloe over the weekend of April 13th and 14th, the IRTS news team would like to invite some SWLs who are currently part of HAREC Class Golf to help read some of the 40m and 80m IRTS news bulletins on Sunday the 14th. Both the 40m and 80m bulletins will be read live from the rally with Louis EI8KI reading the 40m bulletin and Stefan EI4KU reading the 80m bulletin. Louis and Stefan will be supervising any SWLs who want to try some IRTS news reading on the day. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Any Class Golf SWL students that may be interested are asked to get in contact with the IRTS News Coordinator Seany EI2HQB by email to [irts_pro /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_pro@irts.ie) as soon as possible please.

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club report that the following officers and committee will be responsible for the management of the club for the coming year following their recent AGM: Chairman Dermot Gleeson EI2GT, Secretary Joe Ryan EI9HG, and Treasurer Liam Rainford EI7DSB. Committee members are Gerry Gervin EI8CC, John Phelan EI4EJ, Michael Kingston EI2IX, and Diarmuid Ó Briain EI4LF. The club’s IRTS representatives are Simon Kenny EI7ALB and Gerry Gervin EI8CC.

The club wishes to thank everyone who supported their recent rally including traders, individual sellers, and those attending. This support is much appreciated. The IRTS stand had copies of the HAREC Study Guide hot off the presses and these deservedly attracted a lot of interest and sales. The club congratulates IRTS Vice President and Club member Robbie EI2IP, who was the lucky winner of the star prize in their raffle; a 60-minute Boeing 737 – 800 NG Flight Simulator Experience, presented courtesy of the Shannon Aviation Museum.

Club participation in the Engineers Ireland Week is an annual event and this year they were glad to host a number of groups, comprising over 200 students in all at the club station,

callsign EI4SAM, at the Shannon Aviation Museum. The station continues to be activated every Saturday from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The initial calling frequency is 7.123 MHz, plus or minus QRM and other bands are monitored also. Callers and visitors are always welcome.

Their next club meeting will be held on Thursday March 14th in the University of the Shannon, Midlands, Midwest at Moylish, Limerick. Liam, EI7DSB will give a presentation on building Raspberry Pi projects including an internet radio and a short-wave receiver.

Update from Collective Communication

EI3CC is seeking operators for next Sunday 17th March. Whether you have an amateur radio license or not they are inviting you to enjoy St. Patrick's Day in Tramore, Co Waterford where Collective Communication will be participating in the parade and afterwards demonstrating amateur radio to the public using their purpose-built Radio Communications Unit. If you haven't got your own license they will buddy you with an experienced radio amateur. After watching how radio contacts are made and conducted, you'll be invited to have a go on the radio yourself. While you operate the radio, your mentor will be sitting right alongside you logging the calls that you make. There'll be nothing to worry about because you'll be shown everything and allowed to practice before going on air. It couldn't be simpler.

The club invites you to put a note in your diary and come and join their dynamic club at the seaside on St. Patrick's Day or simply drop by, say hello, have a chat, a cuppa, and even a chocolate biscuit. For further information, call their club secretary, John EI3HQB, on 086 870 9265.

145 Alive Event on Saturday 11th May 2024

Two-meter FM will be sparked into action again across Ireland and Great Britain on May 11th for another 145 Alive Event and full details will be announced in the coming weeks. Anyone interested in setting up control stations is asked to contact David Gardiner EI3IXB. Locations and frequencies will be coordinated on a first come first serve basis so get in early as they ran out of frequencies last September due to the demand. Interest in organising control stations is particularly requested from the west and northwest as these areas were quiet last time out. David EI3IXB may be contacted via email at [ei3ixb /at/ gmail.com](mailto:ei3ixb@atgmail.com).

Upcoming Rally Dates

The Shannon Basin Radio Club rally and monster raffle takes place on Sunday April 14th. It will be held in the Shearwater Hotel in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway as part of the 2024 IRTS AGM weekend. Doors will open at 10.00 a.m. and admission will be €5. Further information may be found at www.sbrcl.ie/agmweekend

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club's 40th rally will take place on Sunday 5th May 2024. It will take place at the Share Discovery Village located at 221 Lisnaskea Rd, Lisnaskea, Enniskillen BT92 0JZ. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Admission will be five euro or five pound which includes a ticket for the draw on the day.

Contest Updates

The RSGB 3.5MHz CW Club Championship Contest commences on Wednesday March 13th from 20:00 UTC to 21:30 UTC. You can find out more about this at www.rsgbcc.org

The IRTS 80m Evening Counties contest will take place on Tuesday March 19th. Starting at 20:00 UTC, this one-hour contest has SSB, CW and SWL sections. The exchange is signal report, serial number, and county. Further information may be found at www.irts.ie/contests

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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